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**AUGUST 19, 2010
REGULAR & WORK MEETING
MINUTES**

FLAG SALUTE – Mayor

PRAYER – Rev. Carol Fambro, Cathedral of Health, Healing & Transformation of Absecon

ROLL CALL

Present: Seher, Fishman, Green, Vizthum, Gorman, Caterson

Absent: Falivene and Mayor Elco

Also Present: Terry Dolan, Jessica Thompson, Carie Crone, Mike Blee

PRESIDENT’S STATEMENT ON THE SUNSHINE LAW

NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED – Lynn

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to public – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Fishman

All were in favor.

No public comment.

Motion to close – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

WORK MEETING AGENDA

Lynn – asked for a motion to add Res. #139-2010 – accepting a performance guaranty and engineer’s escrow funds for Block 207, Lot 5, RD Absecon Associates LP to the work session.

Motion was made by Councilman Seher – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS LISTED BELOW ARE FOR DISCUSSION AND MAY BE ACTED UPON AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL.

2010 RESOLUTIONS

134 Authorizing a refund of an overpayment of taxes on the property located at 1002 New York Avenue. **MOVED**

135 Authorizing for applications for Federal Emergency Management Agency Grant Funding. **MOVED**

Terry – this is another FEMA project on Turner Ave. and Absecon Blvd. (old swimming pool site) at the entrance into the Shores. After years of discussion, we are trying to fix it up. He explained what he wants to do. If we can get matching funds, he thinks the project can move forward, but if not, it won't.

Chris – can you explain more how these improvements will mitigate flooding at the WHP there?

Terry – explained from what Eddie Dennis explained to him about the bulkhead repairs

Jim – does the parking area get bigger?

Terry – no and no intention of doing work at the old tennis court site.

136 Authorizing a contract with Remington, Vernick & Walberg, City Engineers, for preparation of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection permits for Block 164. Lot 1. **MOVED**

Terry – all costs will be covered by boat ramp fees and he has received approvals to use that money from Parks and Playgrounds and Div. Of Fish and Wildlife at the state level. Work will be done on the Kunkley property as to parking and bulkheads. He is trying to get FEMA money to match funds also.

137 Concerning Comcast, a cable company serving the City of Absecon.

Lynn – read the new statement that was changed to ask Comcast to appear before council.

Chris – shouldn't we wait to speak to the Mayor to see if he is comfortable with this?

Mike – if you are going to keep the wording, he suggests to wait for the Mayor or option two is to take out the Mayor's name and then pass it. **HELD OVER**

139 Accepting a Performance Bond and Engineer's Escrow Funds **MOVED**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

2010 RESOLUTIONS

114 Accepting the 2009 Municipal Audit

134 Authorizing a refund of an overpayment of taxes on the property located at 1002 New York Avenue.

135 Authorizing for applications for Federal Emergency Management Agency Grant Funding.

136 Authorizing a contract with Remington, Vernick & Walberg, City Engineers, for preparation of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection permits for Block 164. Lot 1.

139 Accepting a Performance Bond and Engineer's Escrow Funds **MOVED**

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to move consent agenda consisting of Res. #114, 134, 135, 136 & 139 made by Councilman Vizthum - second – Councilwoman Gorman

ROLL CALL: Seher, yes; Fishman, yes; Green, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST- \$1,433,529.99

Drew – didn't we ever get an answer back on the Comcast issue and any document as to what is supposed to be paid?

Terry – we only pay for internet service. They are not charging for cable television service.

Motion to approve – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Seher

ROLL CALL: Seher, yes; Fishman, yes; Green, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

MONTHLY REPORTS - Carie

Clerk's Office - \$12,661.45

Construction - \$ 8,056.00

Tax Collection - \$153,332.38

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 7/1/10 and 7/15/10

Motion to approve – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Vizthum

ROLL CALL: Seher, yes; Fishman, yes; Green, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, abstain; Caterson, yes

REPORTS

Bobbie – announced upcoming events

Jim – no report

Fred – no report

Drew – concerts are finished for the year and we are already looking planning for next year. The fields look great thanks to the Public Works dept. He brought up Comcast and charges that they can't account for or explain. He asked people to review their Comcast bills and call them if you're not sure.

Chris – we already reported on the audit. Our expenses and costs by our bank are increasing significantly so we will be going out for RFP's this month.

Terry – hopefully by the second meeting in Sept. we will have a resolution for approval of a new bank.

Chris – commended the Chief of overtime being down 1/3 over the past 3 pay periods.

Lynn – reminded all that Council picture is 9/2 meeting. Thanked Terry for resolutions we have passed tonight on projects we have wanted to do but not with tax dollars.

Terry – no report

NO PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to public – Councilman Fishman – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

No public comment.

Motion to close – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilman Fishman

All were in favor.

CLOSED SESSION – Res. #138-2010

Attorney Mike Blee – stated the reason as litigation exception to the Open Public Meetings Act specifically Greenburg et al v. Absecon. Those minutes can be disseminated when all litigation is finalized including any type of settlement of court order or appeals are exhausted.

Motion to enter into closed – Councilman Green – second – Councilwoman Gorman

All were in favor.

Councilman Seher recused himself from executive session.

Mike - It's now 8:05 p.m. and issues discussed were those announced earlier.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting – Councilman Fishman - second – Councilman Green

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carie A. Crone, Clerk

Approved: _____